

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday May 14th 2006**

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## **Shannon Basin Radio Club Sprint Challenge 2005**

The Shannon Basin Radio Club would like to thank all who were involved and participated in last years radio challenge which was held last November 2005, and this being the 3rd year, attracted the biggest entry to date.

The Group would hope that this year's challenge will attract new entries, and invite you all to participate in this year's Radio Sprint which will be held on the 6th of November 2006.

The winners of the 2005 Challenge are as follows;

The winner of the Lough Ree perpetual Shield for CW goes to: Dave Moore EI4BZ.  
The winner of the Lough Derg perpetual Shield for Short Wave listening goes to: David Connaughton EI1512.

The winner of the Lough Allen perpetual Shield on SSB goes to: Pat O'Connor EI9HX.

The Shannon Basin Radio Club would like to thank all who participated in the 2005 challenge, and look forward to your continuing support this year.

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## **Limerick Radio Club**

Members of the Limerick Radio Club are QRV as EI60LRC until the end of the year to mark 60 years of the club. Activity is on 80 to 10 metres. QSL is via EI8EM.

The next meeting of Limerick Radio Club will take place on Thursday the 11th of May at 7.30 p.m. in the Limerick Institute of Technology.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Club**

The next general meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Wednesday the 31st of May at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

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## **Mayo Radio Experimenters Network**

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network have commenced theory classes in Stensons of Ballyvary on the N5 on Saturday mornings. It's still not too late to join in and anyone wishing to do so should contact Terry Ebdon, EI5IW on 087 130 8560 as soon as possible.

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## **VHF News**

The Mayo, Galway, Roscommon Radio Experimenters Radio Group hopes to run a 2 metre / 70 cm SSB contest during the month of September this year. The date and contest rules will be announced soon.

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## **Radio Theory Examination**

The next Radio Theory Examination has now been scheduled for Wednesday 28th June 2006. It will take place in the ComReg offices at Abbey Court, Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1 commencing at 2 p.m.

Candidates wishing to sit this examination should apply to Sean Nolan EI7CD, 12 Little Meadow, Pottery Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin as soon as possible. The closing date for applications is the 16th of June.

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## **Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club**

The Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club (GI3VFW) will be holding its rally at the Discovery Centre, Oxford Island near Lurgan on Sunday the 21st of May. A new and exciting venue right on the shores of Lough Neagh with a Host of attractions for all the family including boat trips, café, bird hides, nature trails, paddling pool, play area, picnic and barbecue areas. There will be a display by Lough Neagh rescue team and rescue vehicle's on site for viewing. This should prove to be a great day out whether you want to browse the radio rally, enjoy the wild life and scenery or take part in the activities you can be sure of an enjoyable day. Bring your binoculars and camcorders.

The site and rally are wheelchair accessible. For more information, contact John, GI0KUH at "j.p.mccabe at btinternet dot com".

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## **Germany**

Effective from the start of July. The entry level Class licence in Germany now has access to the HF Bands. Users will be able to run 75 watts PEP output on the 160/80/15 and 10 metre bands.

Germany has gone for the approach of giving the entry licence a sensible power level but restricting the bands available to provide an incentive to upgrade.

The 7.1 to 7.2 MHz segment of the 40 metre band has been released to Class A holders on secondary basis with a power output of 250 Watts PEP.

German Amateurs can now use the 50 MHz band, which is very welcome as it increases further the number of countries having access to this band.

The restrictions on the 1260 to 1263 MHz segment would have impacted on the P3-E satellite which has an input at 1260 MHz. It now appears these restrictions have been lifted.

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